

## MEETING RECORD

**NAME OF GROUP:** Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission

**DATE, TIME AND**

**PLACE OF MEETING:** Wednesday, June 26, 2002, 8:00 a.m., Room 106, County-City Building,  
555 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

**MEMBERS AND OTHERS**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Members:** Jeff Searcy, Pat O'Donnell, James Hewitt, and VJ Nelson

**Others:** Jerry Shorney (Parks & Recreation), Steve Clymer and Joan Darling (Olsson Associates), Rob Strommen (BNSF), David Schmidt (Concorde Management), Jay Tschetter (Images In Brick), Bob Ripley (Commission Staff / DAS), Doni Peterson (State of Nebraska - DAS), Ed Zimmer and Missy Minner (Planning Department)

**STATED PURPOSE**

**OF THE MEETING:** Regular Meeting of the Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission

Chair Searcy called the meeting to order and called for a vote to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2002 meeting as distributed. The minutes were approved by a vote of 4-0; O'Donnell, Hewitt, Nelson and Searcy voting 'yes'; Kilgarin, Laging, and Todd absent.

### **Application by David M. Schmidt for a Certificate of Appropriateness for a brick mural at Century House, 1201 Lincoln Mall, in the Capitol Environs District.**

David Schmidt of Concord Management appeared on behalf of the owners of Century House. They would like to put a brick mural on the west side of the building on the ground level. The mural would be of the original house that sat at that location. They have contacted Jay Tschetter to do the work.

Tschetter indicated that the brick will match the rest of the brick on the building and will be purchased from Yankee Hill Brick Company. Three subtly different tones to build the sculpture and add highlighting. No trees will be removed.

Zimmer stated that the guidelines encourage public artwork and pedestrian oriented features. This is an example of both of those.

With no one further appearing, the public hearing was closed.

O'Donnell moved approval, seconded by Hewitt. Motion for approval carried 4-0; O'Donnell, Hewitt, Nelson and Searcy voting 'yes'; Kilgarin, Laging, and Todd absent.

### **Recommendation to Planning Commission on an application by Olsson Associates on behalf of CB&Q Railroad for Special Permit 1979, to install a wireless communication tower in Hobson Yard, in a Capitol tower view corridor.**

Rob Strommen of Burlington Northern explained that the existing tower in Hobson Yard is about 35 years

old. It feeds communication across Nebraska, into Kansas City and Colorado. The depot building they are currently in no longer belongs to the railroad and they are going to have to move their offices. They will be upgrading the microwave system. The existing tower will eventually come down. It is in a very active portion of the yard and is not safe for technicians to get to. There will be 7 dishes on the tower with 30' spacing in between. The largest dish will be 10' diameter. There will be three dishes above 100'.

Zimmer asked about the possibility of locating the dishes on the water tower. Strommen explained that the railroad's strict safety policy does not allow them to co-locate on someone else's property.

Members asked that a photo with the new tower etched in be forwarded to Zimmer who would in turn report back to the Commission.

#### **Miscellaneous -**

**President and Ambassador Apartments** - Zimmer stated that there is an application for some weatherization work on the buildings. This application would potentially replace the windows. The funding source for the project is federal. If they are able to meet the federal guidelines, there won't be a material effect on the Mall. He would rather not require them to go through a double review on the project.

**Wireless Communication Antennae** - Zimmer pointed out that with the demolition of the Metropolitan building, its rooftop towers need to be relocated. An application has been made to move them to the Century House roof. The tower that exists on Century House was no material effect. He has indicated to the applicant that if the new antennae meet the same requirements as the existing ones on Century House, they will also be granted no material effect.

**Lincoln Mall** - Zimmer indicated that discussion is continuing on a possible tax increment financing district for Lincoln Mall. It is not yet ready for Commission review, but could be ready in time for the next meeting.

**Meeting Times** - Members briefly discussed upcoming conflicts with the 8:00 a.m. Wednesday meeting time. As a way to avoid upcoming quorum problems, it was suggested that the meetings be changed back to the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:45 a.m. Members present agreed that would fit in better with their schedules.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.